

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Cancelled) A life preserver assembly, comprising a substantially planar main body portion formed from a buoyant material and separation means defining in said main body portion at least one life preserver, and permitting said life preserver to be removed from said main body portion.

2. (Cancelled) The life preserver assembly of claim 1, wherein said life preserver comprises at least two portions, and connecting structure for connecting the life preserver portions.

3. (Cancelled) The life preserver assembly of claim 2, wherein said life preserver comprises right chest, left chest, and center back portions, said connecting structure comprises structure for connecting said right chest portion to said center back portion, and for connecting said left chest portion to said center back portion.

4. (Cancelled) The life preserver assembly of claim 2, wherein said connecting structure is formed from said main body portion and defined by said separation means.

5. (Cancelled) The life preserver assembly of claim 2, wherein said connecting structure is detachable from said life preserver portions.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The life preserver assembly of claim 2,~~ A life preserver assembly, comprising:

a substantially planar main body portion formed from a buoyant material and separation means defining in said main body portion at least one life preserver, and permitting said life preserver to be removed from said main body portion; and

said life preserver comprising at least two portions, and connecting structure for connecting the life preserver portions, wherein said connecting structure comprises fastening structure for securing said connecting structure to said life preserver portions.

7. (Cancelled) The life preserver assembly of claim 2, wherein said separation means comprises scoring between said life preserver and said main body portion.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The life preserver assembly of claim 7, wherein~~ A life preserver assembly, comprising:

a substantially planar main body portion formed from a buoyant material and separation means defining in said main body portion at least one life preserver, and permitting said life preserver to be removed from said main body portion, said separation means comprising scoring between said life preserver and said main body portion; and

said life preserver comprising at least two portions, and connecting structure for connecting the life preserver portions, said connecting structure ~~comprises~~ comprising fastening structure for fastening said life preserver to said main body portion.

9. (Cancelled) The life preserver assembly of claim 1, wherein the separation means comprises a frangible portion defining the outline of said life preserver.

10. (Cancelled) The life preserver assembly of claim 9, wherein said separation means comprises means for breaking said frangible portion.

11. (Currently amended) ~~The life preserver assembly of claim 10, wherein~~ A life preserver assembly, comprising:

a substantially planar main body portion formed from a buoyant material and separation means defining in said main body portion at least one life preserver, and permitting said life preserver to be removed from said main body portion, said separation means comprising a frangible portion defining the outline of said life preserver, and a means for breaking said frangible portion, said means for breaking comprises comprising a pull cord.

12. (Currently amended) ~~The life preserver assembly of claim 1, wherein~~ A life preserver assembly, comprising:

a substantially planar main body portion formed from a buoyant material and separation means defining in said main body portion at least one life preserver, and permitting said life preserver to be removed from said main body portion; and

arm hole portions, said arm hole portions being removable from said life preserver to create arm holes.

13. (Cancelled) The life preserver assembly of claim 1, wherein said main body portion is elongated and comprises at least two life preservers.

14. (Cancelled) The life preserver assembly of claim 13, wherein said main body portion is segmented, each segment comprising a life preserver, and further comprising structure for connecting said segments.

15. (Original) A method for storing a life preserver, comprising the steps of:
placing said life preserver in a substantially planar main body portion, said main body portion comprising separation means for separating said life preserver from said main body portion;

storing said main body portion; and

removing said life preserver from said main body portion.